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SUBJ: VISIT OF POLISARIO FRONT REPRESENTATIVES

REF: MEXICO 20996

1. TWO YOUTHFUL MEMBERS OF THE POLISARIO FRONT, AHMED BUJARI AND BILAL AHMED ARRIVED IN COSTA RICA 14 DECEMBER . THEY WERE WELCOMED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT (PLN) YOUTH ORGANIZATION WHICH SPONSORED THEIR VISIT.

2. AT AN AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE, COVERED ONLY BY PRO-PLN (GOVT PARTY) DAILY EXCELSIOR AND INDEPENDENT MARXIST WEEKLY PUEBLO, AHMED AND BUJARI SAID THEY WERE VISITING LATIN AMERICAN DEMOCRACIES IN AN ATTEMPT TO GARNER SUPPORT FOR SAHARAN INDEPENDENCE. THEY INDICATED THAT THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY VISITED MEXICO AND VENEZUELA AS GUESTS OF
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THE PRI AND AD RESPECTIVELY AND HAD MET WITH IMPORTANT POLITICAL TAADERS. THEY EXPRESSED DESIRE TO MEET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER XCCIO AND IMPORTANT COSTA RICAN POLITICAL LEADERS.

3. IN GENERAL CRITICAL REVIEW OF ROOTS OF PRESENT CONFLICT, THEIR SHARPEST REMARKS WERE RESERVED FOR THE FRENCH. THEY CLAIMED "FRANCE WANTS TO INTERNATIONALIZE THE CONFLICT IN ORDER TO SAVE MOROCCO

AND MAURITANIA FROM MILITARY DISASTER" ADDING THAT WITHOUT FRENCH SUPPORT THE MOROCCAN/MAURITANIAN "OCCUPATION" OF THE WESTERN SAHARA WOULD NEVER HAVE OCCURRED.

4. BUJARI AND AHMED DEPARTED COSTA RICA O/A 21 DECEMBER. VISIT RECEIVED NO OTHER MEDIA COVERAGE.

5. ACCORDING TO A PLN YOUTH LEADER, THE TWO WERE INVITED TO COSTA RICA AS PART OF PLN YOUTH EFFORT TO EXPAND ITS CONTACTS WITH SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL GROUPS. HE SAID BUJARI AND AHMED HAD MET WITH A NUMBER OF PLN LEADERS INCLUDING PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE LUIS ALBERTO MONGE BUT DID NOT MEET WITH ANY OPPOSITION LEADERS.

6. FOREIGN MINISTRY CONTACT TOLD EMBOFF THAT TWO MET WITH MIDDLE LEVEL OFFICIALS AT MINISTRY, BUT NOT FORMIN. HE DESCRIBED VISIT AS ROUTINE FOR GROUPS OF THIS NATURE.
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